XM satellite is the best thing that happened to radio, I know I work in the industry. We have been delegated to listening to the same songs 4 to 5 times a day every day, played the same time.. everyday. XM gives us a variety and that is worth the yearly fee. In response to the traffic and weather, How often does a local radio station give the Traffic and weather reports to their listeners? Twice a day Morning drive and afternoon drive. With XM, you get it around the clock. Just like cable, we can see the Weather channel all day, but we pay for it. If we pay for it, what is the problem.